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SUBJ: RECONFIGURATION OF 7TH, 8TH, 9TH FLOORS CHANCERY BLDG.

REF: A. MOSCOW OM, DATED MARCH 14, SUBJ: PLANS FOR RECONFIGURATION OF 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH FLOORS OF CHANCERY BLDG.

B. STATE 063542, DATED 29 MARCH.

C. RSO MOSCOW BOOKLET DATED 10 MAY 74, SUBJ AS ABOVE

(SENT TO A/SY/FO)

D. RSO LETTER, DATED AUGUST 14, 74 (SENT TO A/SY/FO)

E. RSO LETTER, DATED AUGUST 16, 74 (SENT TO A/SY/FO)

F. MOSCOW 12768, DATED 20 AUGUST 74

G. MOSCOW 13355, DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 74

H. MOSCOW 13810, DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 74

I. STATE 201967, DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 74, SUBJ: PROPOSED

CONSTRUCTION IN THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

J. STATE 207958, DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 74

K. STATE 209747, DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 74

L. MOSCOW 14406 DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 74

1. THIS TELEGRAM IS IN RESPONSE TO REF K. PARA ONE OF REF K NOTED THAT ITEMIZED COSTS DETAILS IN MOSCOW 13432 DO NOT INDICATE EXACTLY WHERE AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE MATERIALS WILL BE USED. ITEMS LISTED IN MOSCOW 13432 ARE FOR SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS REPORTED IN TELEGRAMS TO THE DEPARTMENT (REFS F AND G). PLEASE SEE REF L, THIS DATE, FOR FURTHER RUN-DOWN ON PURPOSE OF MATERIALS.

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2. REF C WAS SENT A/SY/FO IN MAY 1974. THIS WAS RECONFIGURA-

TION CONCEPT, BASED ON ROUGH DRAWINGS BY REX HELLMAN OF FBO WHEN HE VISITED POST IN FEBRUARY 1974. REF C INCLUDES FLOOR PLANS OF 7TH AND 8TH FLOORS AS THEY ARE NOW, AND AS PLANNED UNDER THE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT. PAUL STANGE OF FBO REVIEWED THESE DRAWINGS WITH POST PERSONNEL DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW IN EARLY SUMMER 1974. HE NOTED HE HAD SEEN DRAWINGS BACK IN WASHINGTON. RSO ASKED HIM IF A SPECIALIST WOULD BE MAKING ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS OF THE 7TH AND 8TH FLOORS TO INCLUDE DETAILED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS. STANGE STATED THAT NO ADDITIONAL DRAWINGS WOULD BE REQUIRED. THEREFORE, IN ANSWER TO PARA THREE, REF K, DRAWINGS OF THE 7TH AND 8TH FLOORS CAN BE FOUND IN REF C.

3. POST BELIEVES THAT SCHEDULE OF WORK ON 7TH AND 8TH FLOORS (AS DETAILED IN REF C) NEEDS NO FURTHER DRAWINGS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PROJECT APPROVED. REFS D AND E REPORTED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AS PART OF RENNOVATION PROJECTS USING SEABEE SPECIAL PROJECT TEAM. THESE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY STILL REQUIRE STAFFING, BUT SHOULD NOT DELAY COMMENCEMENT OF OVERALL PROJECT. PLEASE SEE MOSCOW 14406 FOR DISCUSSION/DETAILS OF THESE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.

4. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED AS REQUESTED IN PARA FOUR OF REF K.

(A) ONE HALF OF 7TH FLOOR HAS BEEN VACATED. POST IS AWAITING FINAL WORD ON ARRIVAL OF SEABEE SPECIAL PROJECT TEAM BEFORE RELOCATING SENIOR MILITARY ATTACHE, MILITARY ATTACHE IS PREPARED TO MOVE ANY TIME, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO DO SO IF APARTMENT WILL ONLY SIT VACANT FOR PERIOD OF TIME.

(B) BULK OF MATERIAL IS AT POST. LUMBER WAS RECEIVED IN SHORT SUPPLY, BUT HAS BEEN REORDERED FROM HELSINKI. HELSINKI HAS ADVISED POST THAT LUMBER IS PRESENTLY ON TRAIN ENROUTE TO MOSCOW. SHOULD ARRIVE SHORTLY. NOT ALL ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES ORDERED HAVE ARRIVED, BUT SEABEE STATES THAT POST HAS SUFFICIENT BACK UP ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF PROJECT.

(C) SEABEE ELECTRICIAN ADVISES THAT EXISTING ELECTRICAL SUPPLY WILL ACCOMMODATE DEMAND.

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5. WOULD HOPE THAT RECONFIGURATION PROJECT ON 7TH AND 8TH FLOORS COULD START IMMEDIATELY; AND THAT DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR 7TH AND 9TH FLOORS WILL NOT HALT OR DELAY COMMENCEMENT OF GENERAL PROJECT.
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